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PATENT  
Docket No. 110.01990101

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): STEER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1657
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Serial No.: 10/549,867	)	Examiner: AFREMOVA, Vera
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Filed: September 22, 2005	)	
For: METHODS OF PROMOTING CELL VIABILITY		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."